

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20902

This is one of a series of bills that the Supreme Court has recommended in its annual report to the Governor concerning defects or omissions in the laws, as required under article V, section 25 of the Idaho Constitution. This bill amends I.C. § 19-3945, which concerns juror and witness fees, by updating it and making it consistent with other statutes. It would: (1) replace the reference to probate and justice courts with “magistrate division of district court”; (2) provide that witnesses in the magistrate division and in special inquiry proceedings will receive the same \$8.00 per day witness fee and the same mileage payments as witnesses in the district court receive under I.C. § 19-3008; and (3) provide that jurors in coroner’s inquests will receive the same \$10.00 per day fee and the same mileage payments as other jurors receive under Idaho Code § 2-215.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill would have no impact on the general fund. A survey of several county clerks indicates that the counties are already paying witnesses in the magistrate division the higher \$8.00 per day fee set forth in I.C. § 19-3008. Therefore, there should be no fiscal impact on the counties.

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